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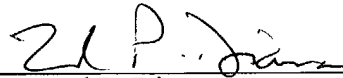
Claims 1-32 are now pending in this application. Claims 1, 9, 11, 12, 14, 15, and 19-22 have been amended to define still more clearly what Applicant regards as his invention. Claims 25-32 have been added to provide Applicant with a more complete scope of protection. Claims 1, 8, 19-22, and 25-30 are independent.

New independent Claim 25 is an apparatus claim similar to allowed Claim 1, although Claim 1 recites "separating means for separating the image data and the sound data contained in the frame data," while, instead, Claim 25 recites "input means for inputting image data and sound data corresponding to a frame". The input means in Claim 25 is supported by the image data input unit 107 and the sound data input unit 114 of Figs. 1B and 1C, respectively. New Claims 27 and 29 are method and program claims, respectively, corresponding to apparatus Claim 25.

New independent Claim 26 is an apparatus claim similar to allowed Claim 8, although Claim 8 recites "separating means for separating the image data and the sound data contained in the frame data," while, instead, Claim 26 recites "input means for inputting image data and sound data corresponding to a frame". The input means in Claim 26 is supported by the image data input unit 107 and the sound data input unit 114 of Figs. 1B and 1C, respectively. New Claims 28 and 30 are method and program claims, respectively, corresponding to apparatus Claim 26.

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